

# 5 things you can do

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## 3 Recycle Household Chemicals – Call 864-2000 to schedule an appointment.

Chemicals accepted (look for signal words like danger, poison, warning, caution, reactive, corrosive, explosive, combustible, toxic, or flammable):

- Automotive products (antifreeze, auto or marine batteries, brake fluid, car wax and cleaners, gasoline, oil filters, transmission fluid, windshield washer fluid)
- Home improvement products (adhesives, caulk, paint, paint thinner, stain, varnish)
- Pesticides (disinfectant, flea collars, insect repellent, insecticide, mothballs, pet spray and dip, rat and mouse poison, weed killer)
- Household cleaners (drain opener, furniture polish and wax, oven cleaner, spot remover, toilet bowl cleaner, tub and tile cleaner)
- Other (aerosol cans, art and craft materials, cosmetics, lighter fluid, pool chemicals, shoe polish, fluorescent lamp ballasts (tubes) and compact fluorescent bulbs)

For more information, visit [www.springfieldmo.gov/recycling](http://www.springfieldmo.gov/recycling).



## 4 Reduce Runoff From Your Home

Install a **rain barrel** that collects runoff from your roof. This water can be used for watering indoor plants, washing cars or pets, and outside landscaping needs. Build a **rain garden**. These gardens are designed to utilize your home's storm water runoff and create an aesthetic feature in your landscape with native plants. To purchase a rain barrel or to learn how to build a rain garden, visit [www.jamesriverbasin.com](http://www.jamesriverbasin.com).



## 5 Report Pollution

To report spills, dumping, or draining of pollutants to the street, storm drain, drainageway, or waterway, call 864-1901 or report online at [www.springfieldmo.gov/stormwater](http://www.springfieldmo.gov/stormwater). What to watch for:

- Dumping of motor oil, chemicals, trash, or yardwaste
- Wash waters (i.e. washing of vehicles, equipment, tools, structures, or from services such as carpet cleaning)
- Improper outdoor storage of chemicals and other materials that can pollute the ground or storm water runoff
- Dirt from construction sites, or other erosion problems
- Drainageways or waterways with an unusual appearance or odor

## Where Runoff Goes

When it rains, the water coming off your roof (a) goes through your gutter (b) and out to the storm drain (c). This water **DOES NOT** go to a wastewater treatment plant but rather to a stream, river, or lake (d).

